



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re
Application of: **Stuart A. Newman, et al.**

Serial No.: **09/849,967** **Examiner: Misook Yu**

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For: **SPLICE CHOICE ANTAGONISTS AS THERAPEUTIC AGENTS**

Attorney Docket #: **51230-00601**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on January 21, 2004, please enter the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as shown below. Applicant's first reply was filed within two months of the final rejection.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 15 of this paper.